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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § .56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,933,472

AB United States Patent No. 5,657,368

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German PS 197 04 703 and Reference AB corresponds to German OS 44 21 315, which were identified and discussed at page 2 of the present application. The German documents also were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies References AA and AB are submitted herewith, together with Form 1449.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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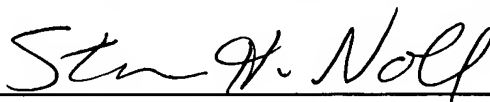
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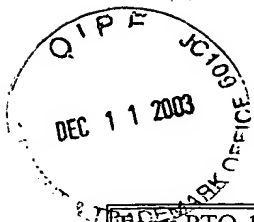
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